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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 26-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 8, 10, 12-16, 17, 19, 22, 24 and 25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 7 is objected to because of the following informalities: the term --- groups -- should be inserted after "threading" in line 3. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1,2,4,11,18,31,23,26,and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dunn, Jr. et al. (US 4,193,509).

See figure 1 depicting the container thread between the closure thread 12 and the anti-backoff element 13. An angular inclination of the anti-backoff member is different from an angular inclination of the thread can be seen in figure 2.

4. Claims 27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Russell et al. (US 6,123,212).

See figures 1 and 4 depicting the different angular inclinations.

5. Claims 1,3,27,29, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Narin (US 5,292,020).

See figure 2 depicting the container thread between the closure thread 34 and the anti-backoff element 44. An angular inclination of the anti-backoff member is different from an angular inclination of the thread can be seen in figures 3-6.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Narin. Narin teaches the claimed container except for the anti-backoff member being on the container. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was

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made to provide the anti-backoff member on the container, since it has been held that a mere reversal of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art.

7. Claims 6,7,9,20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunn in view of applicant's admission of known equivalents.

Dunn teaches the claimed closure except for the threading being segmented into a plurality of circumferentially spaced closure threading groups.

Applicant admits a single helical thread and a plurality of thread segments are known in the art for engaging closure threading to container threading.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute a plurality of thread segments or groups in a group for the single thread of Dunn as an obvious choice of known equivalents.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 5,8,10,12-16,17,19,22,24, and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

9. In view of the new grounds of rejection, this Office action is made non-final.

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Various container assemblies having anti-backoff features are cited for their disclosures.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lee Young, can be reached on (703) 308-2572.

If in receiving this Office Action it is apparent to applicant that certain documents are missing, e.g., copies of references cited, form PTO-1449, form PTO-892, etc., requests for copies of such papers should be directed to Errica Bemby at (703) 306-4005.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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August 23, 2003


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